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# Sylvia Lake Association 1997 NEWSLETTER

Help Keep Sylvia Lake Beautiful

July, 1997

## Events & Information 1997

**Notice About Association Dues** - Your \$5.00 Sylvia Lake Association dues are very important.

It pays for water testing that is a guide line to help us keep the lake clean to keep us healthy.

It pays for awards for our young people in the boat parade.

It helps pay for the association picnic.

It pays for mailings to keep you informed about association meetings and lake activities.

It pays for this newsletter.

Please give your money to any officer or mail to Lois Cook, Treasurer, 110 Rowley Street, Gouverneur, N.Y. 13642

July 4th & 5th (Friday & Saturday) - The Annual Charlie Ferguson Fishing Derby. Trophies provided by the Force Family. Enter your catch on Saturday the 5th from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the Ferguson camp. Once again Gale will pay 10 cents for every rock bass turned in.

July 8, 9, 10 (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday) - Water Safety Course will be taught by Ralph Undercoffler at the Fowler Town Hall at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Watch the newspaper for more details. Call Dorothy Dodds at camp 287-2698 or home 562-3640 to sign up or for more information. Anyone under 18 years of age must take this course to operate a motor boat or jet ski.

Saturday, August 9th at 1 P.M. Boat Parade - Lets support the young people. We would like to have a bigger event this year. Do you have a boat but no one to decorate it anymore? Why not co-sponsor an entry with another camp who has the young people to do the work but no boat to use. This might lead to some old fashioned camper friendships. Call Donna Besaw at 287-0546 or Penny Netto at 287-7329 for more information. For Oldsters and Youngsters. Come on Seniors, we are creative too.

Sunday, August 10th - Sylvia Lake Association Picnic - 1 P.M. The Picnic will be held August 10 at the Public Beach area. It will be free to all association members and a charge of \$2 will be asked of all guests and non-members, (over the age of 10 yrs.). Please bring your own place setting and a "Covered Dish" to pass. Hot dogs, sausage, soda and beer will be provided.

Sunday, August 10th - Sylvia Lake Poker Run - 10 A.M. - 12 P.M. • Starting point and rules given out. LaPierres camp dock at 9:30 A.M. Must come by boat • 4 cards collected at different points around lake. Ante Fee for each hand of cards \$2.00. Limit of first 52 hands of cards. 5th card obtained and results of poker run at picnic grounds of Fowler Town Beach at 12:30 P.M. For more information • 287-2141.

### SUMMER ASSOCIATION MEETING:

THURSDAY AUGUST 8TH - 7:30 P.M.

Fowler Town Hall

**Water Testing** - The water will be tested two times, early July and early August. Results will be reported at the August 14th meeting.

**Cans & Bottles** - All 5 cent returnable cans and bottles can benefit J. Lawrence Association for Retarded Children. Take them to the ARC redemption store at Trackside Plaza, Gouverneur.

Aluminum tabs from pop cans may be collected and taken to the Gouverneur VFW or given to Marie Sullivan (phone. 287-0839). This benefits patients on dialysis for kidney disease at Samaritan Medical Center.

**Jet Skis** - As the number of these fun machines grow riders should be aware that they must abide by the rules of motor boats. Instruct your guests on their safe operation. We don't want any serious injuries from inexperienced drivers. We also expect you to respect other drivers, swimmers and all Lake people with the way you operate your vehicle. "No one may legally operate a jet ski under the age of 10 years". "Water safety course required for those under 18 years".

**Zebra Mussel's** - To keep these nasty critters out of our Lake, boaters should use a little caution. If your boat has been in other waters, possibly infested waters like the St. Lawrence, disinfect your boat by wiping it with a cloth dipped in a Clorox solution and mix a cup of Clorox in your bilge water. Dump bilge water before entering Lake. Remember: A female Zebra Mussel can produce 35,000 larvae in a year. Scientist do not know how to control them yet... Beware!!!

**Clean Up Around The Lake** - Don't let our roads become a gathering spot for all sorts of discarded junk. Be a good neighbor and camper by keeping the woods as beautiful as the view of the lake. If we decide on a clean-up day later, you will be notified!

**Remember: Pets** should be controlled. Fowler has a leash law. Do not allow your pet to become a nuisance to other camps.

**Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)** - Boats less than 16 feet in length (including canoes and kayaks of any length) must be equipped with one Type I, II, III, IV or V PFD for each person aboard. However, May 1, 1995, boats less than 16 feet will be required to carry **wearable** PFDs for each person on board.

*Please note back/or important information on the Zebra Mussel and Boat Safety.*

## Have a Fun & Safe Summer

President - Faye Hopper  
Home: 287-1691 Camp: 287-3184  
Secretary - Ann Van Slyke  
Camp: 287-1338 Home: 788-0557 (Watertown)

Vice President - Mona Allen  
Home: 287-2206  
Treasurer - Lois Cook  
Home: 287-0445

# *Welcome to Sylvia Lake*

## *Please Help Us Keep It Healthy and Saft*

**Smokers:** Use Ashtrays, not the Lake Ill

**Campers:** Use your shower for shampooing: Fish don't have hair!

Swim, Don't Bathe.

Use trash cans for all foods, bottles and beverage cans. Don't be a Lake Litterer.

Use a low phosphate, bio-degradable detergent for laundry, dishes, etc.

Please keep any "trash fish" you catch, Fertilize your flowers, not The Lake.

It is illegal to dump or burn garbage or trash in the woods. Use your local garbage man.

### **Be Courteous Afloat:**

Keep dear offishermen.

Stay 100' from docks and swimming areas. Water skiers take note.

Sailboats and canoes have the right-of-way at all times. Watch your wake.

Remember, the bigger your boat - the bigger your wake. Be Responsible!

### **Be Safe Afloat:**

One life saving device for each person aboard.

Use your boat lights after dusk, for your safety and others.

It's wise to have extra line, paddle and anchor aboard.

Water Skiers must have an observer and driver.

### **Swim Safely:**

Know the water depth.

Swim with a buddy.

"Look before you leap!"

Have a boat with you when swimming any long distance.

### **Road Safety:**

Use low speed, good judgement and courtesy on all camp roads. A7V's on camp roads are becoming a problem. Violators are to be identified, parents notified and repeat offenders can be arrested (Campers call Sheriff).

Remember that sound travels far over water. Be considerate of your neighbors before 10 a.m. and after 10 p.m.

**Check your motor.** Remember leaking gas and oil pollute the Lake.

Have a Healthy, Happy and Safe Summer

Thank you!

**Your Sylvia Lake Association**

**NYS BOATING LAW:** Did you know that the NYS speed limit of ANY motorized vehicle on ANY NYS waterway is 10 mph within 100 feet of the shoreline? The distance from the Old Beach Public swimming area is 500 feet. There can be tickets given if an officer of the DEC is around. Be forewarned!! If you have questions about specific NYS Boating Laws and Safety, please contact our Navigation Committee - Ralph Undercoffler and Dorothy Dodds.

**THE LaPIERRE'S** would like to organize a "Poker Run". For more information call them at 287-2141 at their West Shore home.

**ZEBRA MUSSELS.** It is believed the nasty critters were released with bilge water from European ships in 1986, and they have multiplied fast. They are vacuum cleaners, greedily eating plankton and leaving no food for the lower end of the food chain. No little fish... no big fish. They could clean a body of water of life. They are blocking intake pipes of water treatment plants, etc. They clog intake valves on boat motors, damaging engines and power drives that cost thousands to replace.

To keep them out of our Lake, boaters could use a little caution. If your boat has been in other waters, possibly infested waters, disinfect your boat by wiping it with a cloth dipped in a Clorox solution and mix a cup of Clorox in your bilge water. Dump bilge water before entering the Lake. These things are small... the larvae look like sand suspended in water and boaters are unaware of their presence, but a female can produce 35,000 larvae in a year. Scientists do not know how to control them yet... Beware!!!

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Gouverneur Fire Department - (287-2350)

Gouverneur State Police - (287-2311)

Gouverneur Police Department - (287-2121)

Gouverneur Rescue Squad - (287-1311)

St. Law. County Sheriffs Dept. - (379-2222)

Remember, 911 is now activated.